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C) STATE 138944, JUNE 27, 1974

D) EC BRUSSELS 4411, JUNE 21, 1974

1. VERDIANI, THE EC COMMISSION DIVISION CHIEF RESPONSIBLE FOR CERTAIN EC INDUSTRIAL STANDARDS INCLUDING AUTOMOTIVE STANDARDS, WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE US-EC ENVIRONMENT COOPERATION MEETING IN WASHINGTON ON JULY 7-8 (SEE REF A). HE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON TO MEET WITH EPA OFFICIALS ON JULY 8 AND NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (NHTSA) AND COAST GUARD OFFICIALS ON JULY 9 TO DISCUSS ISSUES RELATED TO STANDARDS.

2. VERDIANI WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS WITH NHSTA OFFICIALS THE POSSIBILITIES FOR HARMONIZATION AT AN INTERNATIONAL LEVEL OF SUCH THINGS AS METHODS OF MEASUREMENT, MEASURING INSTRUMENTS, AND TESTING INSTALLATIONS FOR AUTOMOTIVE
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SAFETY. (VERDIANI HAD ORIGINALLY DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF CONTACTS

WITH THE NHSTA A YEAR AGO-- SEE REFTELS C AND D.) ALTHOUGH VERDIANI BELIEVES THAT IT MAY BE PREMATURE TO HARMONIZE THE SAFETY STANDARDS THEMSELVES, HE FEELS PROGRESS CAN BE MADE IN TESTING METHODS. HE WOULD ALSO LIKE MEETINGS WITH EPA OFFICIALS TO COVER TESTING METHODS REGARDING AUTOMOTIVE AIR AND NOISE POLLUTION.

3. THE COMMISSION IS DEVELOPING EC STANDARDS ON PLEASURE BOATS AND HAS STUDIED THE US COAST GUARD'S REGULATION IN THE FIELD. VERDIANI WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITIES FOR A MORE SYSTEMATIC EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION WITH THE COAST GUARD SO THAT POTENTIAL DISPARITIES BETWEEN US AND EC REGULATIONS CAN BE AVOIDED.

4. COMMENT: THE MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF MEETINGS COULD BE SET UP FOR VERDIANI WITH THESE THREE AGENCIES. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND OTHER US GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS INTERESTED IN EC AUTOMOBILE AND TRACTOR STANDARDS AND MORE GENERAL ISSUES CONNECTED WITH THE EC STANDARDS HARMONIZATION PROGRAM MAY ALSO WISH TO TALK WITH VERDIANI. GREENWALD

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